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 steady—Meats—fair—Wool—13—Cotton—
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WORLD NEWS NEW IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Texas 34 Bills Are Offered In One Day

Hudspeth Is Put on Several Important Senate Committees.
 NUGENT MAKES APPOINTMENTS Woods, of Fisher County, Wins the Speakership of the House.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 13.—Thirty-four bills were introduced today in the senate on various subjects.
 Senator Clark introduced a bill providing for the complete repeal of the law creating the state insurance commission. He claims that the law is unconstitutional. Another important bill is one by senator Bailey, of DeWitt, abolishing hanging and substituting electrocution. The compulsory education bill was also introduced, and also a senatorial redistricting bill.
 Hudspeth on Several Committees.
 President pro tem Nugent of the senate today announced the standing committees of the senate for the present session. These committees, although announced by president pro tem Nugent, were satisfactory to lieutenant governor W. F. Bobby.
 Senator Hudspeth was made a member of the following committees: Finance, state, territorial, counties and municipalities, rules, congressional districts, stock and stock raising, judiciary, No. 1 and No. 2.
 No Change in Rules.
 The senate today defeated by a vote of 22 to 12 the resolution of senator Westbrook providing for a change in the rules, so as to make the committee elective instead of appointive. The newspaper men at the press table in the senate were given a stenographer, a resolution on this subject by senators Townsend, of Baylor, and McNeel, of Garza, being adopted.
 A resolution to be offered in the senate providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the return of the election for governor and lieutenant governor, and also a concurrent resolution to prepare for the inauguration of governor-elect Ferguson.
 The senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

House Officers Chosen.
 The house met at 10 o'clock and had only partially completed organization when a recess was called for 15 minutes. The following officers were elected at the morning session:
 Chief clerk, W. R. Long; sergeant at arms, W. L. Escalante; assistant sergeant at arms, L. P. Archer; reading clerk, D. P. Haysford; assistant reading clerk, T. B. Haysford; and J. J. Robinson. These are all old officials.

Woods Elected Speaker.
 John W. Woods, of Garza county, was elected speaker of the house after the Rowell resolution providing for an open ballot had been defeated by a vote of 68 to 75. Other candidates for speaker were Newt B. Williams and H. B. Savage. Woods received 72 votes, Williams 57 and Savage 30. Williams withdrew in favor of Woods before the result of the vote was announced.

Many Bills Expected.
 It is expected there will be an avalanche of bills introduced today, and branches which will keep up for at least the first week or two of the session.

That favorable action will be taken by the legislature on the bill drafted by Prof. W. F. Daugherty, providing for compulsory school attendance, is now almost certain.

Representative Joseph Nichols, of Greenville, has prepared a bill which he will introduce in the house which will permit life insurance companies to invest part of their legal reserve to county road bonds. The Robertson insurance law, which requires the investment in Texas securities by foreign companies of 75 percent of their legal reserve of Texas business, does not include county road bonds. The proposed law may also be extended so as to include school bonds, of which there are now upward of \$1,000,000 on the market.

Representative Sam Dickson, of Harris county, has prepared a bill which he will introduce in the house providing for the cooperation by the state, Texas with the federal government in the development of the resources of the state. The bill carries an appropriation of \$10,000, and under a federal law, the general government will give \$10,000 for the first year, \$20,000 for the second and so on until the amount reaches \$40,000, and the state will make an appropriation of \$10,000 annually to carry on the work.

INNES MUST RETURN TO GEORGIA FOR TRIAL

Austin, Texas, Jan. 13.—Victor E. Innes and his wife, Mary Innes, will have to go back to Georgia to answer to charges of larceny after arrest, according to the opinion of majority of the court of criminal appeals today. The Inneses are now at San Antonio awaiting the decision of this case and the court affirmed the action of the trial court at San Antonio in remanding them to the custody of the Georgia authorities.

The Inneses were brought to Texas from Oregon to answer to charges of murder in connection with the disappearance of the Nelms sisters, for which they were acquitted.

Senate Has Flood of Measures

The War At a Glance

THE assaults of the allies against selected positions in the German line, making ground for them at several points during the last week, have led to German counter attacks in force and the heaviest fighting since the beginning of the war. Today's official communications from Berlin and Paris indicate that the Germans have brought large bodies of troops into play, have checked the advance of the allies and have themselves made important gains. The heaviest fighting occurred east of Soissons. The Germans state they defeated the French and gained possession of two of their positions, capturing 1700 prisoners and several machine guns. The allies, however, state that they defeated the Germans, capturing 1700 prisoners and several machine guns. It is said, were defeated, while the allies were compelled by German artillery fire to retreat to the neighborhood of Menport.

FRENCH ADMIT REVERSES.—The French statement admits that the allies were driven back near Soissons, being compelled to yield ground to the Germans. In the Argonne, where desperate fighting has been in progress some time, the opposing forces temporarily have relaxed their efforts. There, as elsewhere in the west, bad weather hinders military activities.

NO CHANGE IN POLAND.—No change is recorded from either Petrograd or Berlin in the campaign in Poland.

TURKS AGAIN DEFEATED.—Further important successes in the campaign against Turkey were announced today by Russia. It is asserted that one Turkish regiment was captured, another partially destroyed, and a Turkish division, with guns and ammunition, was captured.

Notwithstanding these claims, it is evident that large bodies of Turkish troops still are on Russian soil and the recent statement from Petrograd that the Turkish defeat has been inflicted on the Turkish troops, is denied officially at Constantinople. The statement of the Russian staff attached to the Caucasian army shows that Turkish resistance has not been broken, and that the situation and bitter fighting is still in progress.

TURKS OCCUPY PERSIA CITY.—Turkish forces have invaded northwestern Persia and are reported unofficially to have occupied Tabriz, an important city in the sphere of Russian influence, where a Russian military station was maintained. A Constantinople dispatch today said the Russian staff attached to the Caucasian army shows that Turkish resistance has not been broken, and that the situation and bitter fighting is still in progress.

AUSTRIA SAYS RUSSIANS REPULSED.—Russians have made another attempt to push across the Nida river, apparently in an effort to advance once more on the Austro-Hungarian front. An Austrian statement says the Russians were compelled to withdraw under the fire of the Austrian artillery.

BIG EARTHQUAKE TERRIBLE SCENE

Rome, Italy, Jan. 12.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, occurred early today, it lasted for several minutes and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged. No loss of life was reported.

WOULD ELIMINATE APOLOGY FROM U. S. TO PANAMA

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—To eliminate the apology to Panama contained in the pending treaty to pay \$25,000,000 to that country for the cession of Panama, and to reduce, if possible, the amount of the indemnity, the senate foreign relations committee today determined upon the appointment of a subcommittee to work on this proposal.

This action was taken after an appeal by secretary Bryan, who urged immediate action on the treaty, giving as a particular reason the commercial importance of the situation just now and also the desirability of having Colombia participate in the opening of the Panama canal.

Senator Root vigorously opposed the convention in its present form and was particularly averse to the provision whereby the United States should express "sincere regret" to Colombia.

Chairman Root will name the subcommittee later.

ASHES OF HUMAN BONES LEAD TO NEGRO'S ARREST

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 12.—An expert report, indicating that ashes taken from beneath a boiler firebox were those of human bones, has led to the arrest of a complaint today charging Charles Kimbrough, a negro, with the murder of eight-year-old Rose Pernier, who disappeared from her grandmother's home here January 2. Kimbrough, choir leader in a church here, has been detained by the police since January 2. The ashes were taken from the fire box at a plant where Kimbrough was employed. They were examined by professor R. F. McCotter of the University of Michigan.

BUY INTEREST IN JUNE CO.

W. E. Phillips has bought out the interest of Herbert Stanton in the June Auto company and will hereafter conduct the entire business.

GUMMINS VOICES AN ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Criticises Position With Regard to Returning Collections at Veracruz.

CLAIMS CONGRESS SHOULD DECIDE

John Sharp Williams Rallies to Defence; Wilson Seeks Opposition Vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—An attack on president Wilson's use or abuse of his constitutional authority was voiced by senator Gummins today, speaking in the senate in support of his resolution asking what the United States intends to do with the taxes collected during the occupation of the Mexican port of Veracruz.

Senator Gummins insisted that congress, not the president, should decide what shall become of the Veracruz money and then, paying a tribute to Wilson's integrity, added:
 "I am simply objecting to his position that he is trying to run the United States. It appears in every utterance that falls from his lips. He assumes that, under the constitution, he is the final arbiter of all these things. I have no doubt he possesses it with perfect honesty and with the most careful consideration."

Williams Defends Wilson.
 John Sharp Williams, defending the administration, said it was well known the money was to be turned over to the government in Mexico eventually recognized by the United States.

"You cannot embarrass the administration nor before the American people with such a resolution," he said, launching into defense of the president's policy. He declared that a certain American had been in the white house, that would have been a stern command to congress, eliminated with: "Come on, boys, charge."

"Woodrow Wilson will be nominated for the presidency," said senator Williams, "and elected, not as a minority, but as a majority candidate."

Evidence that president Wilson intends to concentrate his influence for the ship purchase bill, probably with the aid of the Philippine and conservation bills, if necessary, were apparent today.

Manuel Quezon, president Philippine commissioner, told the president today he did not expect the Philippine bill to pass during the present session.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ADOPTS NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAM

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—A naval building program of two battleships, six torpedo boat destroyers and 17 submarines was adopted and incorporated into the naval bill today by the house naval committee. The bill was reported at once to the house.

The vote for the two battleships was 16 to 4; for the six torpedo boat destroyers, 16 to 5; and for the 17 submarines, 11 to 9.

Behind the larger craft the program adopted includes one other, one transport and one hospital ship. The bill with this program appropriates approximately \$148,000,000, of which \$12,000,000 is for next year's part of the new construction.

The committee made no provision for a gunboat which secretary Daniels recommended.

GARRISON SAYS PRESIDENT ARMY RESERVE IS FAILURE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The present army reserve system is a failure, according to secretary of war Garrison who, speaking Tuesday before the senate military affairs committee, said it had yielded only 16 reservists in two years.

Mr. Garrison urged the one-year active service enlistment plan as being best fitted to create a large and strong reserve force. He also spoke in favor of a provision for a reserve of officers, pointing out how great would be the need in that direction when 350,000 reservists were called to the colors.

NEGRO HAS SMALLPOX.

H. Frodergar, a negro, was taken to the county hospital Monday suffering from smallpox. He was taken from a room at 416 South Campbell street.

Arrested For Allowing Daughter To Dive



New York, Jan. 13.—Commodore Alfred G. Brown, of the American Life Saving society, a champion long distance swimmer, has been arrested here in Madison Square garden, in the course of the sportsmen's show. He is charged by a representative of the Children's society with allowing his daughter Ethel, 4 years old, to do fancy diving in the garden in violation of the law prohibiting performances by children. He was released on bail.

BELGIAN LOSE 170,000 IN WAR

Only 60,000 Left of 240,000 Troops, but They Are Efficient.

Furnes, West Flanders, Belgium, Jan. 12.—Sixty thousand worn soldiers strung along the Yser, where they checked the rush of the German invaders toward Pas de Calais, are all that are left of the Belgian army of 240,000 men under arms when Germany invaded Belgium, but one of king Albert's staff officers who has been with the army since the siege of Liege, asserts that the small Belgian force today is a far more efficient machine than that which met the first German attack.

Revived After Demoralization.

"When we reached the Yser we were a beaten and demoralized army, almost to the point of absolute disorganization. Fighting for weeks without adequate support from our allies, and with most of our men believing that we had been left to our fate, the chances of ever again making a fighting force of our army seemed remote. That we did so, due to the highest and lowest factors in our civilization, the inspiration and activity of our king and the fighting spirit of our peasantry."

The king's aristocratic regiment of guards is a thing of the past. They have been disbanded and their places taken by two regiments made up of Flemish peasants and commanded by active young officers in Belgium.

Peasantry Comes to Rescue.

When the critical situation along the Yser was realized the local peasantry seemed to remember the glory of their past when their people were the terror of the invading Spaniards and it needed only the leadership of the king to weld them into the fighting force you see here today. The king is commander of this army and during those nine terrible days in the trenches while the Germans buried their hosts at us, and we waited in vain for the expected support, the king was not only an inspiration to his officers and men as he fought beside them, but he proved himself a capable military leader.

"Today the army is efficient fighting force, too small of course for us to be able to give our men leave from the trenches such as the French and English now enjoy, and this has caused some natural complaint, but in spite of this, as you can see for yourself, the spirits of the soldiers could not be better. These men are all veterans now, and most of them are young in years. The officers are picked for their work without regard to their former rank, and many of the highest officers of the army have been relegated to posts where they are doing useful work, but where they cannot repeat any of the blunders which marked the first part of the war."

Artillery Does Fine Work.

"We have no apologies to make for our artillery. This service was the really professional branch of the army into which officers went for pure love of their profession, and from Liege to the Yser they have proved themselves worthy of the cause for which they are fighting. Some idea of the value placed

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 CZAR IS PLANNING TO PLEASE POLES
 Russians Replace Officials With German Names in Poland's Government.

Council Has Great Powers.

It is practically certain that the new council of empire is being created today, the last day of the Russian year, by the appointment of new members. The general interest in the selections, which are to be made public before the day is over, is intensified by the expectation that many Russians with German names will no longer serve the empire in the capacity of councilors.

Seek to Please Poles.

Russians, official bearing Teutonic names predominate in the government of Poland. These men also are being gradually replaced with born Russians, thus removing one of the complaints of the Poles. After the capture of baron Korf, the governor of Warsaw, by the Germans some weeks ago, was replaced with a man named von Essen. Later von Essen was supplanted by the head of the emperor's chancery, a Russian named Liebknecht.

Turks Seize Tabriz.

The chief development of the day came in a dispatch to Reuters' Telegram office from its Petrograd correspondent, stating that strong Turkish forces had invaded Persia and occupied Tabriz.

Tabriz is in northwestern Persia and, after Teheran, the largest city in the country. It is 100 miles to the east of the Turkish frontier. Tabriz was garrisoned by a Russian force, it being situated in that part of Persia which is under the domination of Russia.

The town has been evacuated by this Russian force, according to a report sent out by the Turkish government in a dispatch Tuesday night to Berlin. The announcement from Constantinople added that the Russian garrison had retreated to Julfa, where the Russians were said to be assembling in strong force to defend the passage of the Araxes river.

The taking of Tabriz means that the Turks, who undoubtedly had the backing of some of the wild Turkish tribesmen of this locality, have secured a more or less important victory over the Russian forces. The Russian attack upon the Russian positions in the province of Erivan, north of the Persian border, has been repulsed.

Defeated Turks Fight Desperately.

The stand of the defeated Turkish army at Kara-Urgan, between Sarakamish and the frontier of the Caucasus and the attempts of the Germans to check the advance of the allies in France, northeast of Soissons (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

Reserve Your Seats For Friday Evening

Amigo Listo Fund Will Be Helped

While it is gratifying to those who are doing all within their power to advance the cause of the "Amigo Listo" (Ready Friend) fund, that the interest in the advance sale of reserved seats at Ryan's drug store this morning was large, yet it is the sincere hope that The Herald, its co-workers and all citizens of El Paso, cause that there will not be a vacant seat at the Texas Grand theater Friday night.

Manager Joe Glass, who is giving this entertainment, says that if the public really understood what a meritorious program has been assembled for its entertainment and pleasure on this night, the playhouse would not begin to be ample to accommodate all those who would seek admission on the basis of a "good show at an absurdly small price," and it is a safe prediction that those in attendance will have ample cause for self congratulation.

As stated previously, the entire cost in providing this attraction is unusually small, due to causes quite out of the ordinary, and the opportunity of the public benefiting thereby, like the "Amigo Listo" (Ready Friend) fund, is exceptional. Every penny above the nominal cost of \$100 is clear cut profit, not every penny of it will be put to excellent purpose.

The Herald advises its readers to try and secure these reserved tickets as soon as possible and not delay to the last moment, as unquestionably the demand for seats just prior to the performance will be greater than the supply.

Seat reservation may be made by calling 425, but all such reservations should be called for 71 the down town ticket office before noon on Friday.

Don't Say You Were Not Warned In Time--Why Not Pay Your Poll Tax Today?